



## 1/2 REALES COBS OF THE MINT OF LIME - 1684-1752

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This work covers the 1/2 Real coinage of the Mint of Lima, from year 1684 to the final date of cob coinage of 1752, it covers the reign of Charles II, Philip V, Louis I and Ferdinand VI.

The coin varieties presented in this work are from several auction houses and catalogs, may be appear more varieties in the future.

### THE NUMERAL OF THE COINAGE

To classify a coin of 1/2 real is very important to know the year, we can recognize the numerals of the coins with this table (on right).

### CRITERIALS OF CLASSIFICATION

In this classification we are not considering over dates, the classification are considering Year – Assayer – Quantity of exemplares coined and varieties of dots on the Obverse. The year in the Obverse always is without the 1, for example 684 for year 1684. The legend of the Obverse y Reverse its not always complete.

As far as possible we will put the rarity of the coin in corcondance of the exemplares appeared in auctions or collections. The name of the assayers will be put along the first year in they appeared.

Weight: 1.72 grams, always are coins overweight and underweight because of clipping of the epoque.

Fineness from 1684 to 1729: 11 dineros 4 granos (930,555 millesimals)

Fineness from 1730 to 1752: 11 dineros (916,666 millesimals)

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## CHARLES II (REIGN 6 NOVEMBER OF 1661 TO 1 NOVEMBER OF 1700)

The 7 of January of 1684 the Mint of Lima began the coinage in silver, the values were ½ real, 1 real, 2 reales, 4 reales and 8 reales, that year were coined 133,703 kilograms total.

### VARIETY I

Obverse: Monogram of Charles II, above crown, one dot between crown and monogram, below of monogram the year.

Legend : LIMA ANO 1684 EL PERV

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: CAROLVS II DG HISPANIARVM

All coins from 1684 to 1700 are Variety I.



#1. 1684 – Assayer V – 1’445,458. Assayer V Juan de Villegas. First year of coinage, and more abundant, most specimens were clipped and underweight therefore.

#2 1685 – Assayer M – 1’009,154. Assayer M Miguel de Rojas Paramo. The years of 1686 to 1692 were not coined 1/2 reales according to the studies of Carlos Lazo Garcia.

#3 1693 – Assayer V – 95,039 #4 1694 – Assayer M – 214,534. Assayer M Felix Cristobal Cano Melgarejo



#5 1695 – Assayer R – 202,474. Assayer R Leonardo de Rojas Paramo

#6 1696 – Assayer H – 122,476. Assayer H Francisco Hurtado

#7 1697 – Assayer H – 114,474

#8 1698 – Assayer H – 104,989

#9 1699 – Assayer R – No data of quantities encountered yet.

#10 1700 – Assayer H – 271,986

## **VARIETY II**

Obverse: L (of Lima) to left and H (assayer) to right of the monogram of Charles II, above crown, one dot between crown and monogram. One dot above and below of L and H. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **LIMA ANO 1701 EL PERV**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: **CAROLVS II DG HISPANIARVM**

#11 1701 – Assayer H – 318,183. Variety II. Posthumus coinage.

## **PHILIP V (FIRST PERIOD, 16 NOVEMBER OF 1700 TO 15 JANUARY OF 1724)**

### **VARIETY III**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

#12 1702 – Assayer H – 304,716. Variety III.

Maybe specimens with year 1701.

### **VARIETY IV**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, one dot between crown and monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

#### **VARIETY V**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, five dots between crown and monogram. L to left and H to right of monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**



*#13 1703 – Assayer H – 639,582. Variety IV V*

#### **VARIETY VI**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, one dot between crown and monogram, one dot right and left to the monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

*#14 1704– Assayer H – 669,558. Variety III IV VI*

*#15 1705– Assayer H – 658,074. Variety IV VI*

*#16 1706– Assayer R – 670,938. Variety IV VI*

#17 1707 – Assayer H – 448,230. Variety IV

#### **VARIETY VII**

*Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram, three dots right and left to the monogram. Below of monogram the year.*

*Legend : ET YNDIARVM REX*

*Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.*

*Legend: PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM*

#18 1708– Assayer H – 192,558. Variety VII

#### **VARIETY VIII**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : ET YNDIARVM REX

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM

#19 1709– Assayer H – 425,582. Variety VIII. Maybe specimens with Assayer M.

#20 1710– Assayer M – 380,962. Variety VIII. Maybe specimens with Assayer H.

#### **VARIETY IX**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. One dot to left and right of the monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : ET YNDIARVM REX

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM

#### **VARIETY X**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. One dot to left of the monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : ET YNDIARVM REX

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

*#21 1711– Assayer M – 435,500. Variety IX X*



*#22 1712– Assayer M – 316,776. Variety VIII*

*#23 1713– Assayer M – 75,174. Not exemplars encountered yet, but must exist, there are 1714/3 over date with Variety VIII.*

*#24 1714– Assayer M – 287,162. Variety VIII*

*#25 1715– Assayer M – 108,942. Not exemplars encountered yet, but must exist.*

## **VARIETY XI**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

*#26 1716– Assayer M – 244,952. Variety XI*

*#27 1717– Assayer M – 539,082. Variety XI*

*#28 1718– Assayer M – 979,272. Variety XI*

*#26 #27 and #28 may be Variety XII with crown in the Reverse, not exemplars with full Reverse are encountered yet to clarify this.*



## VARIETY XII

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : ET YNDIARVM REX

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross. Crown above cross.

Legend: PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM

#29 1719– Assayer M – 998,568. Variety XII

#30 1720– Assayer M – 879,987. Variety XII

#31 1721– Assayer M – 762,192. Variety XII



#32 1722– Assayer M – 864,434. Variety XII

#33 1723– Assayer M – 1'132,970. Variety XII

#34 1724– Assayer M – 873,010. Variety XII

## LOUIS I (16 JANUARY OF 1724 TO 31 AUGUST OF 1724)

### VARIETY XIII

Obverse: Monogram of Louis I, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : ET YNDIARVM REX

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross. Crown above cross.

Legend: LVDOVICVS I DG HISPANIARVM



#35 1725– Assayer M – 1'853,622. Variety XIII

Only one year of coinage, it is not know yet why the Mint of Lima coined Louis I all the year and not begun to the coinage of Philip V.

#### **PHILIP V (SECOND PERIOD, 5 OF SEPTEMBER OF 1724 TO 9 OF JULY OF 1746)**

#36 1726– Assayer M – 870,196. Variety XII

#37 1727– Assayer M – 1'181,612. Variety XII

#38 1728– Assayer N – 1'112,006. Assayer Joaquin Negron y Colmenares. Variety XII

#39 1729– Assayer N – 507,118. Variety XII

#40 1730– Assayer N – 935,000. Variety XII

#41 1731– Assayer N – 710,872. Variety XII

#### **VARIETY XIV**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : ET YNDIARVM REX

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross. Crown above cross. L to left and N to right of cross.

Legend: PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM

#42 1732– Assayer N – 883,048. Variety XIV

#43 1733– Assayer N – 847,552. Variety XIV



## **VARIETY XV**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. L to left and N to right of monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross. Crown above cross. L to left and N to right of cross.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

*#44 1734– Assayer N – 923,984. Variety XV. Beginning on this year, the cross of the reverse were more width, covers more spacy, and thus the pherihalf legend does not appear often.*

*#45 1735– Assayer N –1'006,400. Variety XV*

## **VARIETY XVI**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, five dots between crown and monogram. L to left and N to right of monogram . Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross. Crown above cross. L to left and N to right of cross.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

*#46 1736– Assayer N –1'019,456. Variety XVI*

*#47 1737– Assayer N –1'431,264. Variety XVI*

*#48 1738– Assayer N –1'270,104. Variety XVI. Maybe specimens with Assayer V.*

*#49 1739– Assayer V –1'493,008. Variety XVI. Assayer Fernando de Vargas. Maybe specimens with Assayer N.*

*#50 1740– Assayer V –1'300,568. Variety XVI. Maybe specimens with Assayer N.*

*#51 1741– Assayer V –1'409,776. Variety XVI*

## **VARIETY XVII**

Obverse: Monogram of Philip V, above crown, six dots between crown and monogram. L to left and N or V to right of monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below

cross. Crown above cross. L to left and N or V to right of cross.

Legend: **PHILIPPVS V DG HISPANIARVM**

*#52 1742– Assayer V –1'177,488. Variety XVII*

*#53 1743– Assayer V –1'118,600. Variety XVII*

*#54 1744– Assayer V –1'110,304. Variety XVII*



*#55 1745– Assayer V –1'136,280. Variety XV*

*#56 1746– Assayer V –1'151,920. Variety XV XVI*

*#57 1747– Assayer V – Included with #58. Variety XV. Posthumus coinage.*

### **FERDINAND VI (9 JULY OF 1746 TO 10 AUGUST 1759)**

#### **VARIETY XVIII**

Obverse: Monogram of Ferdinand VI, above crown, three dots between crown and monogram. L to left and V or R to right of monogram. Below of monogram the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross. Crown above cross. L to left and V or R to right of cross.

Legend: **FERDINANDVS VI DG HISPANIARVM**



*#58 1747– Assayer V – 723,520. Variety XVIII*

*#59 1748– Assayer R – 739,424. Variety XVIII. Assayer R Jose Rodriguez de Carrasa. Maybe specimens with Assayer V.*

*#60 1749– Assayer R – 1'326,000. Variety XVIII*

*#61 1750– Assayer R – Included with #62. Variety XVIII. Also exists a specimen with Reverse of 2 reales.*

## **VARIETY XIX**

Obverse: Castle in center with three dots above, L to left and R to right of the castle. One dot above and below of L and R. Below of castle the year.

Legend : **ET YNDIARVM REX**

Reverse: Cross of Jerusalem oversized, castle and lions, all inside a border of dots. Date of three digits below cross. L to left and R to right of cross.

Legend: **FERDINANDVS VI DG HISPANIARVM**

*#62 1750– Assayer R – 841,50. Variety XIX. Rare variety, only coined this year.*

*#63 1751– Assayer R – According to the studies of Carlos Lazo Garcia, this year are only know kilograms of quantity coined. 9,404 kg included 1/2 , 1 and 2 reales. Variety XVIII*

*Know overdate 1751/0*

*#64 1752– Assayer R – According to the studies of Carlos Lazo Garcia, this year are only know kilograms of quantity coined. 7,972 kg included 1/2 , 1 and 2 reales. Variety XVIII. Very rare.*

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